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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1771
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q62454

Mitsuhiro Kanada, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/750,125

Group Art Unit: 1771

Confirmation No.: 6746

Examiner: Victor S. Chang

Filed: December 29, 2000

For: MICROPOROUS SOUNDPROOFING MATERIAL

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ATTN: BOX AF
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 12 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claim:

1. (Twice Amended) A microporous soundproofing material comprising an expanded material formed through the step of impregnating a mixture of a thermoplastic elastomer and a thermoplastic polymer which is not a thermoplastic elastomer with an inert gas under high pressure of from 6 to 100 MPa and then decompressing the impregnated mixture, wherein the

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